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- 1. NEW YORK TIMES OF FEBRUARY 7 OR 8, RAN STORY
 WHICH WAS PICKED UP BY LOCAL PRESS TO EFFECT THAT AS MUCH
 AS ONE BILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN BANKS ALONG
 MEXICO'S NORTHERN FRONTIER. E/C COUNSELOR AND FINATT ASKED
 DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BANCO DE MEXICO ABOUT STORY ON FEBRUARY
 12. HE REPLIED THAT THE AMOUNT WAS GROSSLY EXAGGERATED,
 BUT THAT THIRTY TO FORTY MILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN DEPOSITED
 IN THESE INSTITUTIONS IN LAST SEVERAL MONTHS.
- 2. TIME DEPOSITS DENOMINATED IN DOLLARS CARRY 7 PERCENT INTEREST RATE WITH A 1.5 TO 2 PERCENT PREMIUM, EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, DEPENDING ON WHETHER DEPOSIT IS FOR 90 OR 180 DAYS. 75 PERCENT OF PROCEEDS FROM DEPOSITS HAVE TO BE INVESTED THROUGH BANK OF MEXICO. JOVA

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